THE PUTNEY COLUMN.

Letter from Mrs. Ward.

Protests Against the Action of the Vermont Courts -- Does Not Believe Her Children Are In Algeria, Africa.

Editor of Phonix; - Last week you gave attention in your columns to an advertisement which I inserted in the Boston papers, and an article in the Herald. It is not strange that the spectacle of a mother, forced to advertise through the papers for a knowledge of her children, should attract

the attention of the press.
In your paper you said that my application to the county court for custody of children was refused. That may give a wrong impression. The verdict was "Dis-missed without prejudice." If I ever have been accused of anything which would make me unworthy to have the care of my children, I never have heard of it, and do not know what it is. All of the charges which I have ever heard in court were either false on the face of them, or too trivial to command the attention of

thinking people.

Vermont boasts of the protection which it gives to the home, but a half crazy crank can take his children away from their mother and into Vermont, and the mother has no authority until the Vermother has no authority mont judge gives it to her by a special decree, and it was the Vermont courts which refused to hear the plea of a mother for her children, until the father and the children were both concealed, and then the supreme court held that there was no contempt of court, that he had a lawful right to disappear.

I have heard that my children and their father are in Algeria, Africa, that people have had letters from him from there, but have no proof that the letters were written in Algeria, or were even authentic The efforts which I have made all winter to try to learn their exact location, or get direct news from them have been unsuccessful. From my knowledge of the man, and a wife should know her husband better than strangers or acquaint-ances, I do not think it possible that they are there. Because all of my other efforts have been unsuccessful, I have been driven to court the publicity of the press.

Probably Pertahed at Pekin.

In this column last week was mentione the probable murder of Rev. F. M. Chapin and his wife, Mrs. Flora Barrett Chapin, and their three children in the massacre at Pekin, China. In this connection further facts are at hand which will be of interest. The American Board of Missions recently cabled to Rev. George H. Ewing, reported to have escaped to Chefoo, in regard to the other Congregational missionaries. The reply, dated July 5, stated that Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Chapin were besieged at the British legation in Pekin. The Congregationalist of last week gave the whereabouts of the Congregational missionaries as far as known. It stated that Rev. and Mrs. Chapin and two children, located at Lin Ching, went to Pekin to attend an annual meeting and were supposed to have taken refuge there. Among the Lin Ching mis-sionaries safe at Chefoo are Rev. and Mrs. P. Perkins and children and one child of Rev. and Mrs. Chapin. Mrs. Chapin is a daughter of Mrs. O. E. Bragg of this town. Her son, W. S. Chapin, has been visiting his grandmother for some time.

There was a good attendance at the Methodist lawn party, and the receipts were about \$20.

Mrs. E. S. Munger and Miss Maud Munger went Monday to Windsor to spend two weeks with relatives. D. H. Kendrick of Amherst, Mass., formerly proprietor of the Kendrick House,

was in Putney Tuesday. Rev. D. J. Pierce will preach on "Ja-cob's Awakening and Tithing Vow," next Sunday at the Baptist church.

Rev. J. H. Bennett and family went Tuesday to Claremont Junction and Sunaee lake to spend the rest of the week. Reports from John McRae, who has been critically ill in Alpena, Mich., indicate that he has improved during the past 10 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Parker and child of Hartford, Conn., came to East Putney this week to visit Mr. Parker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Parker.

Miss S. E. White went to Sugar Hill N. H., Tuesday to spend the rest of the summer with Miss Bertha Estey, who is conducting a summer hotel there.

D. S. Angler of Brattleboro has bought of Mrs. Kilburn the Moore farm at the top of the hill between this village and East Putney. The farm contains about 90 acres. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Willard went Sat ...

day to New London, Conn., to spend several weeks. Mr. Willard, who recently sold his blacksmith shop, has not decided where he will locate. Mrs. Olive J. Stowell has erected a mon-

ument of granite in the Stowell family lot in Maple Grove cemetery, and has been here this week to inspect it. The contract vas taken by a Greenfield firm.

It is an interesting fact that Dr. Harriet E. Parker of this town, who is now a medical missionary in India, started out with the Brighton Beach race track and set a the intention of going to China, but her plans were altered by the American Board, The Merchants' National bank o nder whose suspices she is at work.

M. G. Williams and family went Saturday to Claremont Junction to occupy their cottage. Mrs. Williams will remain there six weeks or more, or until after the annual camp meeting, and Mr. Williams will divide his time between the cottage and

Rev. E. F. Mitchell and family will go to leverley Farms, Mass., today to keep open, the present, the house on the estate of Mrs. Mitchell's mother, who died recently. They will store their furniture in Putney. Mitchell preached in Sutton, Mass., he past two Sundays as a candidate.

Ed. Aiken recently started to burn some f his old papers, when it occurred to him that It might be well to look them through. In doing so he found two bills in United States currency, one dated Nov. 29, 1775, and of the value of \$3, and the other dated Jan. 14, 1779, and of the value of \$4. Both were issued at Philadelphia and were made payable in Spanish milled dol-

John Baldwin of Winchester, N. H. came to Putney this week to begin work as engineer for the Stowell Manufacturing company. He was accompanied by his who will have a position in the factory. The rest of the family will remain in Winchester for the present. Mr. Baldwin was for 20 years engineer in the Dick-inson box factory in Winchester, which was burned July 4.

The Boston Globe of last Tuesday con-

tained a three-column story of the quest of Mrs. Mary K. Ward for her two daughters, Narka and Zoe, who disappeared with their father, Myron Ward, in 1896. She has not seen them since. The story was illustrated by a two-column picture of the missing girls. The article contained a complete sketch of the family and the story of Mrs. Ward's endeavors to locate the children. Mrs. Ward says—"I shall never give up the search until I have them with me once more."

Bakery Notice. After July 15 my bakery wagon will canvas e village Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Yours truly, . PUTNEY BAKERY.

CHESTERFIELD, N. H. Walter Butler has gone to visit relatives. Carpenters are now busily erecting a

arge new horse barn upon the Fisk homestead farm. Rev. George Lowell of the Methodist church will begin a series of sermons next Sunday upon the Bible.

The having season is being rushed to its full capacity. Only about one-half of the usual crop will be gathered. George Britton is enjoying a brief vaca

tion from the tumult of city life with the family of J. C. Hubbard, his uncle. Miss Nellie Wetherbee returned to her

home in Clinton, Mass., being summoned there by the serious illness of her father. The weather during the week has been a great reminder to the city people of our beautiful lake, and they are beginning to make their pilgrimage in this direction.

Over 100 people listened with great pleasure to the graphophone entertainment given by George C. Fisk of Springfield at the residence of his uncle, John B. Fisk, last Saturday. The selections were very clear and of a high standard.

The laws of the state in regard to prohiition of sale of liquors to minors should be placed in force, judging by the scenes that took place last Sunday. Now that we have a police court established our se-lectmen should make use of it.

STRATTON.

Thomas Stowell and wife have returned to Bennington. Taft & Co,'s mill shut down the 7th for

wo or three weeks for haying. Mrs. Walter Temple of the Massachu-setts state farm is at J. B. Temple's for the hot weather.

P. W. and E. B. MacKaye of Shirley, Mass., and Horace E. Hildreth of Howard Mass., who have been camping on Hay-stack, are in town to climb Stratton mountain and see a few of the objects of interest in this historic town. The party expect to leave Stratton Thursday morning on their way to Killington. They are looking well and having a fine time.

The Free Baptist church celebrated its 41st anniversary on July 13th. Addresses were made by Rev. Wm. A. Estabrooks of Wilmington on Christian growth, Rev. Mr. Currier of Bondville on influence, and Rev. Mr. Blacklock of Jamaica on the larger spiritual life. The pastor gave a historical sketch of the different meeting houses and church organizations in Stratnouses and church organizations in Strat-ton. Solos were sung by Merl Willis and Mrs. Emelline I. Lackey, and duets by Rev. W. A. Estabrooks and Miss Fidela M. Estabrooks and by N. D. Allen and Miss Irene Allen. Rev. W. A. Estabrook gave an excallent sermon. In the state of gave an excellent sermon in the evening. By a strange coincidence each of the churches that have existed in Stratton was represented in the exercises by a min-

READSBORO.

The residence of J. Manning Bassett at Howe Pond, two miles from Readsboro village, was destroyed by fire Thursday about noon, together with the barn and contents. All the household furniture and other goods in the house were burned, with the exception of one chamber suite and a small quantity of bedding. The contents of the parn were totally destroyed, including a quantity of hay. The loss is estimated at from \$1500 to \$2000, which is covered by \$1300 insurance. The cause of the fire is not known. Mr. Bassett was absent at the time and Mrs. Bassett was at home alone.

HOUGHTONVILLE.

Mrs. Corey is visiting her sister, Mrs.

A deer was seen near the school house Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walsh of Boston

arrived here last Thursday. Miss Lena Farnum of Portland, Me., and Roy Blood of Chester, are guests at damage.

Ed. Blood's. Mr. Decamp and family are boarding at Charles Abbott's. Mr. Decamp is team-

ster for C. H. Sanders. E. D. Akiey and family from Ludlow were guests at E. S. Cadoret's Saturday. Mr. Akiey returned to Ludlow Sunday. Mrs. Akley and children remaining at Mr.

ABHUELOT, N. H.

Ansel Dickinson's Sons are building a good-sized store-house at their Fuller dam box shop to relieve the crowded condition of the shipping department.

Red raspberries are unusually abundant and it is a common sight to see people

each, after a few hours' picking. The mill property of the estate of the late James S. Gill was appraised Thursday, the 12th, by F. C. Faulkner, W. H. Elliot and John Colony of Keene and C. J. Amidon of Hinsdale.

Making his own pace, with 122 pounds up, or 32 pounds more than the former recordholder, Libertine, carried, James R. Keene's campaigner in two countries, the

The Merchants' National bank of Rutland that was looted last March by Charles W. Mussey, who is now serving a seven years' sentence at the house of correction, is about to declare a dividend of 50 per cent to creditors and depositors. Another dividend, it is said, will be declared in October. The bank expects to pay dollar for



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HINSDALE, N. H.

Rev. Mr. Renshaw's Resignation.

He Wishes to Close His Pastorate About Thanksgiving Day, On Completion of Five Years Work Here.

Rev. Mr. DeBevoise of Westminster, Vt. preached at the Congregational church last Sunday morning in exchange with the pastor. At the close of the service Mr. De-Bevoise read the pastor's resignation, as

To the Officers and Members of the Conattonal Church, Hinsdale, N. H., Dear Brothers and Sisters:— I hereby tender my resignation

as your pastor and teacher, and expect to close my labors here about Thanksgiving day of this year. This will complete five years' work with God among you. It is customary to give reasons for such action. I will simply state that it is not because I do not love you or because I have reason to think that you are lacking in affection for me, nor is it because I think that God has not blessed the ministry and would not continue to bless it were we to continue to work to gether. I firmly believe that God joined us together for this swiftly passing five years so that we might be richer in religious experience and that the efficiency of our service might be increased as we see the necessity for our working with Him. I resign my work here at this time because I think that God can get better work out of both pastor and people by the change. Can there be given a better reason? I know not as yet where He wants me to labor when I leave here, but He will let me know at the right time, and I trust His grace always

without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard of me, you received it not as the Word of men but as it is in truth the Word of God, which effectually worketh in you also that believe. With love and best wishes for your future prosperity I am your brother and pastor in His friendship, WM. E. RENSHAW.

Hinsdale Cong. Parsonage, July 4, 1900. To many of the Congregation this came as a surprise, and a source of much regret. During the years of Mr. Renshaw's pastorate it is not to much too say that he has labored zealously and faithfully for the good of the church both spiritually and temsorally, and both he and his family have made many warm friends who will look forward to any change with sorrow. But as the time has come when he believes it best for both pastor and people that the relations be severed, we can only wish him a new field of labor which shall be pleasant,

Houses Struck by Lightning.

During the severe thunder storm on Thursday afternoon of last week, the house belonging to James Hancock in Upper Canada and occupied by John Devo was struck by lightning, the bolt first striking the gable end of the main building, running from there down into the L, and entering the kitchen at the corner, tore off the plastering, broke a lamp, and went out at another corner. No one was injured, although Mrs. Deyo was somewhat stunned by the shock, and Mrs. Parker, who lives about 150 yards from the Deyo house, felt the shock considerably. A bolt also enterd the house of Charles Frary, rolled about, and went out without doing any

Fire in a Bakery.

The fire slarm was sounded at 2.45 'clock Saturday afternoon, fire having seen discovered in the bakery of Paul La voie in Monitor block. The fire department were on hand in a very short time, and the fire was quickly extinguished. The oven and "fixings" were destroyed and there was considerable damage by water. Mr. Lavoie's goods were insured. He says he shall clear out and build up again next week, so as to resume business.

Miss Emma Renshaw is visiting out of town relatives.

O. C. Robertson returned Tuesday from business trip to Philadelphia. Miss Annie E. Kelley is the guest of her friend, Mrs. W. O. J. Martin.

Miss Mildred Russell of Farley, Mass., i visiting Miss Howard on River street, and

calling on other friends. Postmaster A. M. Barrows left Monday morning for Lebanon, where she will spend her annual two weeks' vacation.

Miss Etta Stebbins of Vernon has bee the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Stebbins, for several days. Mrs. Edward Shea and daughter, Miss

Hazel, of Orange, Mass., came Tuesday for a visit among relatives and friends in town. Principal Fisher, who is attending the school at Harvard college, came nome Tuesday evening to remain until

Miss Florence Goddard returned from Chicopee, Mass., Monday. She was accom-panied by her sister, Mrs. Murphy, and ittle son, who will make a few days' visit. Mrs. Elizabeth Markey returned from a

two weeks' visit in Claremont Tuesday, bringing her little granddaughter, Mildred Cramer, with her to remain during the summer.

The Pearson Brothers of Keene have taken the contract for putting steam heat-ing apparatus into the High school build-ing. Two boilers and 13 radiators will be required to properly heat the four rooms and halls.

Several of the young matrons met with Mrs. F. H. Jones Monday afternoon to pra-pare work and sew for Mrs. B. Robbins and family, who were victims of the Winchester fire. Mrs. Robbins is a daughter of

The Congregational Sunday school held their annual picnic at Forest lake last week Thursday. It was largely attended, Liv-eryman Smith's big barge and a big team and two single teams from F. P. Hinds's being chartered for the occasion, besides those who went by private conveyance. All seemed to have a good time in spite of the terrific thunder storm, during which all got under cover and did not allow the elements to interfere with their enjoyment.

The following officers-elect were installed in Valley Commandery, United Order of the Golden Cross, on Thursday evening by Grand Commander J. F. C. Rider: A. F. Fisher, noble commander; Miss Cora Wellman, vice noble commander; C. H. Wellman, vice noble commander; C. H. Pearson, past noble commander; Mrs. V. C. Aldrich, prelate; G. A. Robertson, herald; Mrs. Wm. Royce, guard of inner gate; F. G. Packard, guard of outer gate; M. D. White, financial keeper of records; Mrs. Addie E. Dix, keeper of records; J. T. Powers, treasurer. The commandery has lost four members by death during the present year.

The Proposed Town Hall.

The town hall committee are often in

consultation about the new town hall build-ing. Likewise the public mind generally is a good deal engrossed with the subject. The plans submitted by the architect, and which meet the approval of the commit-tee, are for a building which could not fail to please, but the cost of which would exceed the appropriation. The committee will consult with another architect, with a will consult with another architect, with a view to putting a building on the old foundation, without the anticipated enlargement. The town voted to appropriate \$20,000 for the building, and there was an insurance of \$15,000 on the one destroyed by fire; \$4500 has already been expended for the Evans' property. A considerable sum more will have to be paid for the pres-ent plans and specifications, which if the plans are not used, will take so much from the original \$35,000. Now would be a good time for some public spirited indi-vidual, or individuals, who have money to spare, to come to the rescue with a few thousand dollars, and afterward enjoy the fruits of his liberality in a public building of which the town may be proud.

Tragic Death of James E. Clough's Daughter.

James E. Clough of Holyoke was in town Tuesday when he received news of the tragic death of his daughter, Eleanor M. Shaw, wife of E. D. Shaw. Mr. Clough left at once for Worcester, and accom-panied the body from there to Holyoke. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were enjoying a canoride on Lake Quinsigamond and were about to return to the wharf when their craft was capsized. Their cries were heard at the Tatassit club, and people started to their assistance in boats. Mr. Shaw was rescued just as he was going down a third time. He is a good swimmer, but he had become completely exhausted in attempting to save his wife. The body of Mrs. Shaw was recovered in the morning. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were married June 6th last. Mr. Shaw is collector for the New England Telephone and Telegraph company. Mrs. Shaw was 20 years old, and was a graduate of the Holyoke High school.

Miss Mabel Briggs of Brattleboro is visiting at W. N. Pike's. Mrs. Lucretia Atwood is in Wendell,

Mass, for a few days. Mrs. W. E. Renshaw went Thursday for a visit with her sister in Marlboro. Frank Stacey of Keene was in town to

attend the Christian-Bergeron wedding Monday morning A. H. Latham has been appointed on the board of supervisors in the place of the late Geo. S. Wilder.

Mrs. Wm. Burrows went to Maine last week. She will remain with relatives un-Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Amidon of Wilton have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Amidon for a few days.

Mrs. Johnson and daughter, Miss Aggie Johnson of Roxbury, Mass, are with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Latham. Mrs. C. A. Mason and Miss E. F. Baker went to Keene to attend the funeral of their uncle, Justin S. Blake, Friday.

District Deputy J. J. Carrol installed the officers of lodge No. 82, L. O. O. F., at Winchester last week Thursday evening. Clarence Booth, who is employed by the Wilkins Toy company in Keene, came

me Wednesday morning suffering from sore throat. Caspar Roeder and wife are entertaining Layden and daughter of Providence, for three weeks at their home in

The Junior league, connected with the Methodist church, held a lawn party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Stevenson Thursday afternoon and evening.

Mrs. R. F. Benjamin and her grand-daughter, Miss Perkins, of Baltimore, Nelson Richardson's in the north part of the town.

The fast of the log drivers were camped near the ferry Sunday night, after work-ng all day getting the river at this point ear of log . Many of the villagers visited them Sunday

Mrs. William Crowley, who has been at ner father's, John Donovan's, for the past six weeks, returned to her home in Hartford, Ct., Thursday morning, somewhat uproved in health

Fred Davis, wife and child of Hartford. Conn., are spending their annual two weeks' vacation at the home of Mr. Davis's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Davis on the Northfield road. Mrs. Clough of Hartford s also a guest at the same place.

Deputy Great Sachem Wm. J. Wheelock of Keene recently installed the chiefs of Squakheag tribe, I. O. R. M., as follows: J. P. Felch, prophet; M. D. White, sachem; W. E. Fay, senior sagamore; Morris Powers, junior sagamore; S. A. Day, represen-

The Ancient Order of United Workmen, of which the late Dr. M. C. Dix was a member, paid to the widow 15 days after his death, a check for the amount due on the insurance on his life. The doctor belonged to Ashuelot lodge in Winchester, and this was the first company, of the several to which the doctor belonged, to pay the inaurance.

Frank Christian and Annie Bergeron

were united in marriage at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church on Monday morn-ing, Rev. Father Wilde performing the ceremony. Immediately after the cere-mony a wedding breakfast was enjoyed at the home of the bride in Jackson's block on Main street, and at 3 P. M. dinner was served at the home of the groom's mother o Snow's avenue. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Christian were driven to Brattleboro to take the 10.10 train out for a bridal trip. The young couple are very popular and have the good wishes of many friends. The lawn party given by the Congrega-tional ladies' society at W. M. Pike's on the Northfield road. Wednesday afternoon and evening was a pleasant success. The weatherafter the mid-day shower was all that could be desired, and the place an ideal one ter fire. Mrs. Robbins is a daughter of George M. Pike and formerly lived in this town, so that her misfortunes arouse especial interest here.

The Congregational Sunday school held brass band added much to the enjoyment of the company by delightful music, and the thanks of the society are due them for their kindness, as likewise to Mr. and Mrs. Pike who literally turned over their house and grounds to the society for the day. Speaking by Clarence Signor of Clinton, Mass., was also a pleasing feature of the occasion. A neat sum was added to the society treasury.

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"That evening the woman sent for me again. Now for the presentiment. On my way to make this second call I felt absolutely sure that on my arrival the woman would say she doubted if her husband was quite dead and wished me ulds at rest by an examina tion of the body. I grieve to say also that an was quite dead, because t be the error would damif he should an's first words were, 'Doctor, won't you go up stairs and see if John is positively dead?"

"That request, which I had so surely expected, together with my wicked dread of the man's being alive, upset me so that I burst into an idiotic laugh and stood there guffawing in the woman's face Heaven knows what she thought. Then I went up stairs and came down tremen dously relieved, because John, I grieve and at the same time rejoice to say, was quite dead after all."—Exchange.

An Unexpected Burns Lecture.

John Augustus O'Shea used to be in considerable request as a lecturer on his military experiences. Once, at Dumfries, he came upon the platform wearing in his buttonhole a daisy, which he quietly removed and held up.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he began, "I hold in my hand a 'wee modest flower' I plucked this evening from the grave of Robert Burns." The audience was interested and became enthralled as the lecpoet. Then, suddenly recollecting that poet. Then, suddenly recollecting that Burns had nothing to do with his subject, he stopped abruptly. "And now," said Mr. O'Shea, "I will proceed to relate my experiences in the war."

But by this time he had the continuous

But by this time he had thoroughly engaged the sympathies of his listeners. who would not hear of another subject "Never min' the war, sir," they vocife ated; "gie us Robble Burns!" did. This extempore oration afterward became one of the most popular of Mr. D'Shea's lectures.-London Chronicie.

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